



Advisory Announcement

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Prince William Sound Salmon Fishery Announcement #39

SEINE FISHERIES: PWSAC facilities will be transitioning to pink salmon management following the fishing periods occurring tomorrow, July 22. Dependent on fisheries performance data and effort, the next broad area commercial purse seine fishing period may occur as early as Monday, July 25, with time and area specifics to be announced Sunday, July 24. Prior to the next broad area opener, and dependent on VFDA broodstock acquisition, there may be additional commercial fishing opportunity targeting VFDA pink salmon in portions of Valdez Arm and/or Port Valdez.

EASTERN DISTRICT: Waters of the Eastern District, **south of a line from Potato Point to Entrance Point**, will open to commercial purse seine fishing for a 14-hour period, from 6:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Friday, July 22. Preliminary harvest from the period on July 20 was 704,000 pink salmon with 146 reported deliveries.

Waters inside of the following Eastern District Salmon Harvest Task Force (SHTF) markers will be closed for this period to ensure escapement.

- (1) **Galena Bay:** waters east of a line from a shore marker at approximately 60°56.87' N. lat., 146°39.87' W. long. to a shore marker at approximately 60°56.55' N. lat., 146°39.65' W. long.;
- (2) **Jack Bay:** waters south and east of a line from a shore marker at approximately 61°02.34' N. lat., 146°35.27' W. long. to a shore marker at approximately 61°02.17' N. lat., 146°39.77' W. long.;
- (3) **Sawmill Bay:** north of a line from a marker on shore at approximately 61°02.71' N. lat., 146°46.44' W. long. to a shore marker at approximately 61°02.58' N. lat., 146°47.07' W. long.;
- (4) **Port Fidalgo Subdistrict:** waters east of 146°24.12' W. long.
- (5) **Landlocked Bay:** waters north of 60°50.76' N. lat.;
- (6) **St. Matthews Bay:** north of a line from a shore marker at approximately 60°43.36' N. lat., 146°19.07' W. long. to a shore maker at approximately 60°43.61' N. lat., 146°21.17' W. long.;

SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT: Waters of the Southwestern District, south of the latitude of 60°11.50' N., and waters of eastern Knight Island east of Point Helen (147°46.27' W.), will open to commercial purse seine fishing for a 14-hour period from 6:00 am until 8:00 pm on Friday, July 22. **Regulatory closed waters and anadromous stream closures within the AFK Hatchery THA and SHA will not be in effect for this period.**

Copies of the updated regulation booklet, *2022-2024 Commercial Salmon Fishing Regulations for Prince William Sound*, are not yet available in the Cordova ADFG office. In the interim, please reference https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/regulations/fishregulations/pdfs/commercial/2022-2024_cf_pws_salmon_regs.pdf.

ALL buyers purchasing fish in the PWS Management Area are required to complete a Processor Registration Form. Contact the Cordova office for any questions regarding registration.

**The next scheduled seine fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 pm on Sunday, July 24.
The next scheduled gillnet fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 pm on Friday, July 22.**

Permit holders are advised that unscheduled announcements based on current escapement data may occur at anytime inseason either establishing an additional period or extending an open period.

Announcement recordings are available for **gillnet fisheries at 907-424-7535 and seine fisheries at 907-424-7345. In addition, announcement recordings are available in Anchorage at 267-2843.**

Additionally, announcements, inseason harvest data, and escapement data are available at the following web address:

Unless otherwise specified, all openings are clock openings based on Alaska Daylight Time, which is based on Coordinated Universal Time and may be obtained by calling 303-499-7111.

The department encourages commercial permit holders to renew their licenses early and to check their CFEC vessel registration stickers to make sure they are current.

The department also encourages permit holders to report observed violations to Wildlife Safeguard at 800-478-3377. Reports are anonymous and cash rewards may be paid for successful prosecution of violations.